



Optus Junior Tour Platinum Series 2011 Optus 12s & 14s Spring Nationals

Sydney, New South Wales, Australia Tournament Fact Sheet

- DATES:** **2011 Optus 12s & 14s Spring Nationals**
Wednesday 28th September to Monday 3rd October (inclusive)
By entering these events, you are committing yourself to be available on each day of the tournament. Please refer to the provisional match schedule and conditions on Page 5.
- NRL GRAND FINAL:** For interstate and regional NSW athletes travelling to Sydney for the event, please note that the National Rugby League (NRL) Grand Final will be played at Sydney Olympic Park on Sunday 2nd October. We recommend that you book accommodation and flights as early as possible to avoid difficulties closer to the event.
- STATUS:** 14s – Platinum 14/u Australian Ranking Tournament
12s – Platinum 12/u Australian Ranking Tournament
- ENTRIES CLOSE:** Entries close on **Wednesday 31st August 2011 at 11:59pm AEDST**. Entries will only be received online. Please see page 7 for instructions on how to enter online. **Late entries will not be accepted**. If you do not have Internet access or a credit card, please contact Francis Soyer at Tennis Australia.
- VENUES:** 14s – Sydney Olympic Park Tennis Centre
Rod Laver Drive
SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK, NSW 2127
Phone: (02) 9024 7630 (during tournament only)
- 12s – The King's School
Pennant Hills Road
NORTH PARRAMATTA, NSW 2151
Phone: 0413 387 203 (during tournament only)
Note - all enquiries pre event should be directed to Tennis Australia on (03) 9914 4198.
- TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:** Francis Soyer / Lara Giltinan
- TOURNAMENT REFEREES:** TBC
- TELEPHONE:** (03) 9914 4198
- FAX:** (03) 8612 3600
- WEBSITE & EMAIL:** www.tennis.com.au / fsoyer@tennis.com.au



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DRAWS:

12s & 14s Events

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| Girls & Boys Singles | 64 | Compass Draw |
| Girls & Boys Doubles | 32 | Single Elimination |

Note: A compass event guarantees four matches to all athletes in the singles event.

ELIGIBILITY:

With the date change of dates to the Spring Nationals, the eligibility dates will be modified slightly, read below.

To be eligible to enter the 2011 Optus 14s Spring Nationals, you must be 14 years or younger as at the 3rd October 2011.

To be eligible to enter the 2011 Optus 12s Spring Nationals, you must be 12 years or younger as at the 3rd October 2011.

Please note – Proof of date of birth either by a birth certificate or other documentation is required. Tennis Australia requires all athletes contesting National Championships or Junior ITFs to provide proof of birth date (once per athlete). The acceptance list will show those who have already completed this task. Those yet to do so, please provide proof to Francis Soyer prior to the commencement of the tournament. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture from the event.

ACCEPTANCES:

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| 14s: | 52 direct acceptances (based on Australian Ranking) 8 Wildcards 4 International Wildcards* |
| 12s: | 44 direct acceptances (based on Australian Ranking) 8 Wildcards 8 State-Based Selections (if required) 4 International Wildcards* |

* If not used, then will default to discretionary wildcards. All International wildcards are not guaranteed and will be decided by the National Selectors.

To determine whether you are in main draw or on the alternate list, you **MUST** check the player acceptance list via the following link <http://www.tennis.com.au/tournaments/optus-junior-tour/optus-nationals/acceptances> the Monday after the close of entries.

CONSOLATION:

Athletes are reminded that entry into singles automatically includes entry into the compulsory consolation events.

QUALIFYING:

12s & 14s - There will be no qualifying held



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FUNDING GRANTS:

There are many funding grants made available by state governments, local councils, etc. Below is a grant advertised by the Australian Sports Commission called the "Local Sporting Champions program." The Local Sporting Champions program is an Australian Government initiative designed to provide financial assistance for young people aged 12-18 towards the cost of travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment when competing, coaching or officiating at an official national sporting organisation (NSO) endorsed state or national sporting championships or a School Sport Australia national championships. For more information and eligibility criteria, click the following link - http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/schools_and_juniors/juniors/get_involved/local_sporting_champions

WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE: 12s & 14s - 5.00pm Wednesday 14th September 2011

The deadline for withdrawal without incurring any penalty is 14 days prior to the scheduled start of play for the main draw singles. Athletes withdrawing after this date must produce a valid medical certificate to avoid being penalised under the Tennis Australia Code of Behaviour. Any withdrawals for health reasons must be supported by a medical certificate. Withdrawals must be made in writing and presented to Tennis Australia by fax (+61 3 8612 3600) or e-mail fsoyer@tennis.com.au

ENTRY FEES:

\$70.00 (includes singles and doubles)

Entry is via the on line entry system. To enter on line, click this link

14s - <http://tournaments.tennis.com.au/sport/tournament.aspx?id=B347E51D-B113-4D1D-B494-498E0CF01F60>

The on line entry system has been implemented to improve the overall efficiency of the entry process. Entry fees are payable by credit card at the time of entering. Athletes who do not make the final draw will receive a refund after the completion of the tournament (minus an admin fee of \$6.00). Athletes who withdraw from the event before the withdrawal deadline will also be entitled to a refund (minus an admin fee of \$6.00).

MATCH FORMAT:

Main Draw Singles: Best of three (3) tie-break sets
Consolation Singles: Best of two (2) tie-break sets, third set 'Match' tie-break (to 10 points)
Main Draw Doubles: Best of two (2) tie-break sets, third set 'Match' tie-break (to 10 points)



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- DOUBLES:** **14s & 12s Events** - Entries for the doubles event will be accepted on an entry basis. You can nominate a doubles partner via the on-line entry form or via e-mail to fsoyer@tennis.com.au. If athletes do not nominate a partner before the final acceptance list is published, Tennis Australia will pair you up with the next highest ranked un-partnered player. **DOUBLES IS COMPULSORY FOR ALL ATHLETES IN THE 12s & 14s EVENTS. NON APPEARANCE FOR DOUBLES WILL RESULT IN FORFEIT FROM SINGLES.**
- MATCH SCHEDULE:** To view the schedule for your first match, please check the Tennis Australia web site <http://tournaments.tennis.com.au> four days before the commencement of Main Draw.
- OFFICIAL BALL:** Wilson Australian Open Ball
- SEEDINGS:** The latest Australian Rankings will be used as a guide when determining all seedings for the tournaments.
- SURFACE:** 14s – Plexicushion; 12s - Hardcourt
- MEDICAL:** A Primary Health Care Provider (physiotherapist) will be available at both Sydney Olympic Park and The King’s School during the tournament.
- NSW CIRCUIT:** The 2011 Optus 12s & 14s Spring Nationals have been placed to create a competition block in NSW. Before the Spring Nationals, the OJT Gold event, the Medibank Age will be played in Sydney from September 22 to 27. Following the Spring Nationals and for athletes that have turned 13 years of age, there are two Junior ITF events, the first in Sydney, then in Gosford. To enter the Junior ITF events after the Spring Nationals, register for an IPIN and login at <http://ipin.itftennis.com>
- OVER LAPPING DATES:** Some Australian Ranking tournaments overlap with the 2011 Optus 12s & 14s Spring Nationals and you will be permitted to enter both events, however once acceptance has been granted into the National Championships, athletes must withdraw immediately from the second tournament entered. Tennis Australia will be monitoring these tournaments to ensure athletes are not playing both tournaments.
- PRACTICE COURTS:** Practice will be limited on-site at the Sydney Olympic Park Tennis Centre the day before the event. More information regarding how practice and warm-up courts will be allocated will be made available when the acceptance lists are released.



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PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE: Subject to change if required in the tournament's best interests.

| 14/u & 12/u Boys & Girls Singles & Doubles | WED 28 th SEPT | THURS 29 th SEPT | FRI 30 th SEPT | SAT 1 st OCT | SUN 2 nd OCT | MON 3 rd OCT |
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| Main Draw | Round 1 | Round 2 | Rd of 16 | Quarter-Finals | Semi-Finals & 5 th – 8 th Playoffs | Finals & 3 rd – 8 th Playoffs |
| West Draw | | Round 1 | Round 2 | QF | SF | Finals |
| North Draw | | | Round 1 | QF | SF | Finals |
| South Draw | | | Round 1 | QF | SF | Finals |
| North-East | | | | Round 1 | SF | Finals |
| South-East | | | | Round 1 | SF | Finals |
| North-West | | | | Round 1 | SF | Finals |
| South-West | | | | Round 1 | SF | Finals |
| Doubles (Main Draw) | Round 1 | Round 1 | Rd. of 16 | QF | Semi-Finals | Finals |

12s & 14s EVENTS – ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL PLAY UNTIL AND INCLUDING THE FIRST FOUR DAYS:

Please note that with a full 64-draw, the compass format guarantees all athletes four (4) singles matches. One singles match will be played on each of the four days. However, if you win your singles match on day four, you will be required to play on day five. If you win your singles match on day five, you will be required to play your final match the sixth and final day. Please keep the above provisional schedule in mind when organising travel and accommodation.

12s & 14s EVENTS – PLAYOFF'S FOR POSITIONS 1 – 8:

We remind all participants that for all Platinum and Gold tournaments 2011, athletes reaching the quarter-finals will be required to play for positions 1 to 8. This will require these athletes to participate in matches at Sydney Olympic Park TC on the final two days of the tournament.

12s EVENT – SOME MATCHES MAYBE PLAYED AT SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK TC:

The King's School does not have lights, so if delays occur and we need to complete matches under lights for the 12/u event, we will be moving those matches to Sydney Olympic Park Tennis Centre. We will give sufficient notice to those athletes that need to travel to SOPTC for their matches. If on schedule, the final two days of the 12/u event will be combined with the 14/u event and played at Sydney Olympic Park Tennis Centre.



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- PLAYER BEHAVIOUR:** The Tournament will be conducted in accordance with Tennis Australia Code of Behaviour. Tennis Australia may penalise or suspend athletes for breach of the Code of Behaviour or Member Protection By-Law. Please note that inappropriate behaviour at sites including, but not limited to, the tennis venues (on and off court), hotels and transport vehicles, will be dealt with in accordance with these policies. These policies can be viewed at <http://www.tennis.com.au/about-us/about-tennis-australia/policies>
- AWARDS:** Trophies will be awarded to the Winner and Finalists of Singles and Doubles of the Championships. Awards/Prizes will also be presented for winners and runners-up of each point of the compass in the 12s & 14s events.
- FOOD & BEVERAGES:** Athletes will be able to purchase food and beverages at both The King's School and Sydney Olympic Park Tennis Centre when matches are played at the venue.
- TRAVEL INFORMATION:** Qantas, Virgin Blue and Jetstar have regular flights to Sydney. It is approximately 22km (or 30min drive) from Sydney Airport to Sydney Olympic Park Tennis Centre.
- To view prices and flight schedules, go to www.webjet.com.au
- For directions to The King's School and Sydney Olympic Park Tennis Centre from your hotel or from the airport, please go to www.whereis.com.au
- TOURIST INFORMATION:** If parents and families are interested in visiting tourist attractions whilst in Sydney, please visit <http://www.visitnsw.com/sydney.aspx>
- For full accommodation and visitor information for the Sydney Olympic Park area, please visit www.sydneyolympicpark.com.au
- NEARBY ACCOMMODATION:** Please note that the Sydney Olympic Park precinct will be at peak capacity on the weekend of October 1st & 2nd, with the NRL Grand Final scheduled in the evening of Sunday 2nd October. On the next page are a list of the closest accommodation places to the Sydney Olympic Park Tennis Centre and The King's School. Please enquiry and confirm accommodation as early as you can to avoid disappointment. If you do miss out on accommodation within the area, go to www.wotif.com to look for accommodation in the city.



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ACCOMMODATION:

Pullman

Rating: 5 star (212 rooms)
Address: Olympic Boulevard, Sydney Olympic Park, NSW 2127
Phone: 02 87621700
Fax: 02 87621701
Email: h6411@accor.com
Website: www.accorhotels.com.au/6411

Novotel

Rating: 4.5 star (177 rooms)
Address: Olympic Boulevard, Sydney Olympic Park, NSW 2127
Phone: 02 8762 1111
Fax: 02 8762 1211
Email: H2732@accor.com
Website: www.novotelsydneyolympicpark.com.au

Ibis

Rating: 3.5 star (144 rooms)
Address: Olympic Boulevard, Sydney Olympic Park, NSW 2127
Phone: 02 8762 1111
Fax: 02 8762 1211
Email: H2734@accor.com
Website: <http://www.accorhotels.com.au/Ibis-OlympicPark>

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Rating: 2 star (156 rooms)
Address: Edwin Flack Avenue, Sydney Olympic Park, NSW 2127
Phone: 02 9648 3862
Fax: 02 9648 0427
Email: H6582-re@accor.com
Website: www.formule1.com.au

The Lodge

Rating: N/A (98 rooms)
Address: 1 Jamieson Street, Newington Armory 2128
Phone: 02 9714 7345
Fax: 02 9714 7323
Email: admin.lodge@ymca.org.au
Website: www.sydney.ymca.org.au/lodge

If these accommodation places are fully booked, please look at accommodation options in the following areas – Parramatta, Rosehill, Harris Park, Lidcombe, Chullora, Strathfield, Burwood, Croydon, Croydon Park, Ashfield, Summer Hill, plus other suburbs that are located between Sydney Olympic Park and the Sydney CBD.



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ENTERING ONLINE:

Tennis Australia is now using a new tournament software system with entry via <http://tournaments.tennis.com.au> Please follow the below steps to enter online:

Step 1 – Go to <http://www.tennis.com.au/tournaments> Once you are at this page, look in the online calendar for the 2011 Optus 12s & 14s Spring Nationals and click the link to be taken to the tournament page.

Step 2 – Once you are at the tournament home page, click the “click here to enter online”.

Step 3 – There will now be six steps in the entry process. The first step is to register for an account.

Step 4 – If you have an existing account, type in your login name and password (move to Step 7 if you have already registered for an account previously). If you don't have an account, click the “sign up” button. This will make online entry quicker in the future with all fields pre-populated when you login next time.

Step 5 – Choose your own login name and password (use the check availability button to see if your login name is available). Enter all your details carefully and when completed, click the “I accept” button to continue.

Step 6 – You should receive an instantaneous e-mail from Tournament Planner asking you to activate your account. If you do not click this link within 24 hours of receiving the e-mail, your account will be removed.

Step 7 – Now that you are registered for an account, type in your login name and password and click the “login” button.

Step 8 – Click the link to enter with your current account.

Step 9 – Read the regulations for the tournament and click the “tick box” at the bottom of the screen to agree to the entry conditions and continue to the next step.

Step 10 – Complete further entry details for the event. To have these fields automated for next time, click the tick box to update your profile with this information. Once you have completed all fields, click the “continue” button.

Step 11 – Upon successful completion of the entry form, click the “submit” button. Then click the “Active Network” link to be taken to the payment page.

Step 12 – Read and agree to the waiver and complete your credit card details. Please be aware that only VISA and Mastercard are the only credit cards accepted. Once completed, click the “finish my registration” button.

Step 13 – Depending on the speed of our connection, the payment should take between 10-20 seconds to process.

Step 14 – Once this has been completed, you should receive two confirmation e-mails, one from Tournament Planner that the entry has been processed and one from Active.com confirming that the payment has been successful.